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Pan et al.

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STACK THAT IS VOID OF SILICON
CLUSTERS WITHIN A METALLIC
SILICIDE FILM THEREOF (AS
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U.S. Patent Documents

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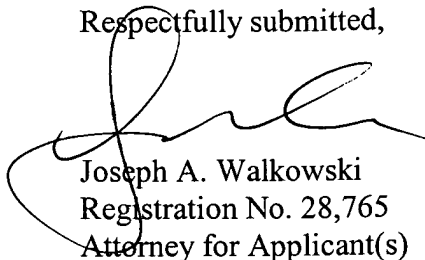
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